

## LAD TELLS OF KILLING

**As Star Witness, He Narrates Father's Slaying of Mother**  
Grafton, W. Va., Jan. 31.—An incident of the trial of Sam Czerenzio, on trial this week for the murder of his wife, was in the testimony of his 10-year-old son, Joe, who told how his father killed his mother. The lad is considered precocious and went on the stand after a rigid examination as to his qualifications as a witness.

The lad said he and his little sister were at home with their father on the evening of the tragedy, while their mother had gone out to pick beans from the garden. She went on to the home of her sister, Mrs. Ralph Baker, where she remained some time. When she finally returned, the little fellow declared, his father flew into a great rage and began beating his mother in the face.

When asked what his father struck his mother with, he answered:

"With his hands. He beat her a long time," he said.

Then, the boy said, the father seized his wife by the throat and hurled her against the kitchen window. The breaking of the glass seemed further to infuriate the man, according to the lad, and seizing a chair, he struck the woman with that, said the boy. She then went into her bedroom where the boy followed her and found her crying. Later on, the boy said, the father came to this room and while his wife lay upon the bed, seized her by the throat. He then strangled the mother to death in the presence of the boy, said the lad. The little fellow to illustrate how it was done arose to his feet, placed one knee upon the witness chair and clasped his hands about an imaginary throat.

## NORFOLK'S WATER SUPPLY

**Inquiry to be Made Will Include Expenditure of \$7,000,000 After Signing of Armistice**

Wash., Jan. 31.—Lack of adequate water supply for the Hampton Roads naval base and training station, which commanding officer said had caused removal of 3,000 or 4,000 seamen to other stations, Thursday had prompted the House Naval Committee to decide to go to Norfolk to begin an investigation there on February 18 next. The committee expect to leave here on the President yacht Mayflower the night of February 17.

Committeemen said their inquiry would not be continued to the question of the water supply but that it would extend to the reasons and wisdom of the expenditure of approximately \$7,000,000, after the signing of the armistice in the development of East Camp on land to which the government has no time or agreement of purchase. The inquiry, it was said would last several days.

Rear-Admiral A. E. Fechteler, commandant of the Fifth Naval District and Rear-Admiral Frederick Harris public works officer at the Hampton Roads base, told the committee that approximately \$32,000,000 was spent in development of the base and station during the war, and that it was expected that the water supply would be provided, with government aid through the cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth. Norfolk, however, has decided upon the development of an independent supply and as a result

the system to supply the base and station had not been sufficient for the needs, the officers said. The government, it was testified, advanced \$2,400,000 to the two cities—practically all of it to Portsmouth—for building the new water supply.

Chairman Butler apparently angered by the failure to obtain the water supply in co-operation with the cities, warned the officers that unless plans were soon perfected for supply of the stations, that he would urge the committee to refuse any appropriations for the base and station. He added he might confer with congressional leaders, suggesting abandonment of the station.

"Don't they want the government down there," asked the chairman. "Since the government began operations down there, it has spent \$200,000,000 within twenty-five miles of Norfolk, and now we have got no water. The country won't stand for that."

## RELIEF TO EUROPE

**Committee Agrees to Favor Additional Credits of \$50,000,000 to Certain Countries**

Washington, Jan. 31.—Republican members of the House Ways and Means Committee in conference late yesterday informally agreed to favor legislation authorizing the Treasury to extend additional credits of \$50,000,000 to certain European countries for food relief.

The specific countries to benefit by the food credits will be decided upon at a later meeting of the majority members of the committee. Poland, Armenia and Austria were included in the original proposal of Secretary Glass, since supported in a letter from President Wilson, for credits of

\$150,000,000, later reduced to \$125,000,000 by Mr. Glass.

Opposition to authorizing any loans was expressed by some committeemen, who contended that Congress had no right to give away government funds. Others favored \$50,000,000 as sufficient to relieve Austria and Armenia. They opposed aid to Poland because they said its armies were more than 10 miles beyond the eastern boundary of Poland as fixed tentatively by the Peace Council.

Still other members urged relief for Poland as a military necessity to support that country in its warfare against the Bolsheviks.

## HOIST REPUBLIC FLAG

**New Municipal Council of Dublin Made up of Sinn Fein Members**

Dublin, Jan. 31.—When the new municipal council, composed of Sinn Feiners, met for the first time yesterday it was greeted with the greatest enthusiasm by huge crowds as the republican flag was hoisted on the city hall.

London, Jan. 31.—Ireland is almost universally opposed to the home rule proposition, recently advanced by Premier Lloyd George, regarding his proposals with little short of contempt, according to Arthur Henderson, the labor leader, speaking on his return from Ireland with the labor party delegation, which made a ten-day tour of inspection and inquiry. The desire for an independent republic was widespread and frankly expressed, Mr. Henderson said.

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## BOY SCALPED COASTING

**Lewistown Child Saves Sister's Life When They Hit Auto**

Lewistown, Pa., Jan. 31.—Paul Dimm, 10 years old, was scalped here Thursday in a coasting accident, and his little sister Charlotte, 8 years old, sustained ugly lacerations of the face.

The children were coasting on Ridge Hill, the boy, lying on sled, and his sister, sitting on his body, when they collided head on with an automobile standing at the curb.

Paul was caught just above the eyes by the fender and his scalp stripped backwards, it required 19 stitches to close the wound.

Eye witnesses say that if her brother had not raised his head and took the full force of the collision she would have been killed.

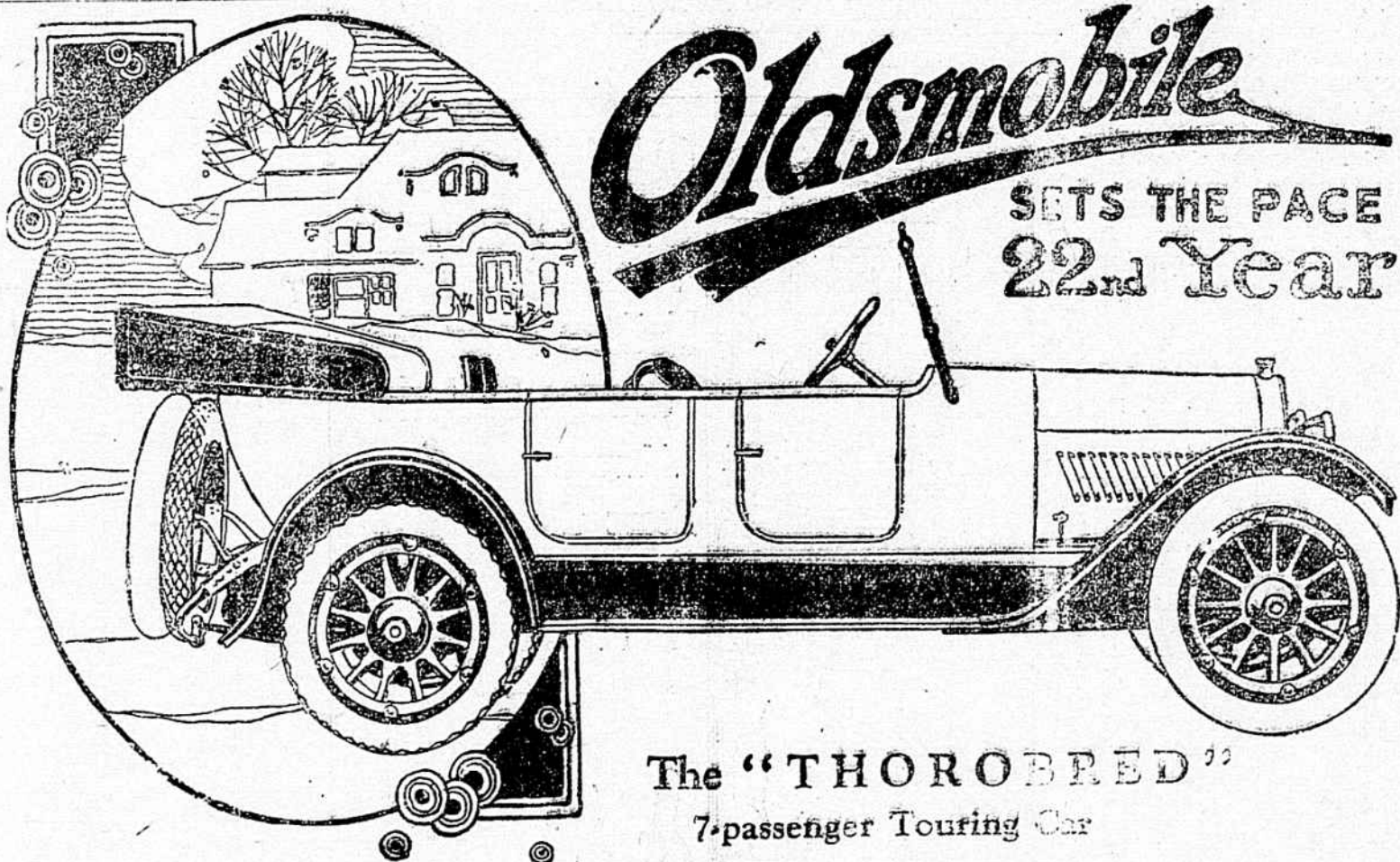
The children's mother is at a Williamsport hospital undergoing an operation.

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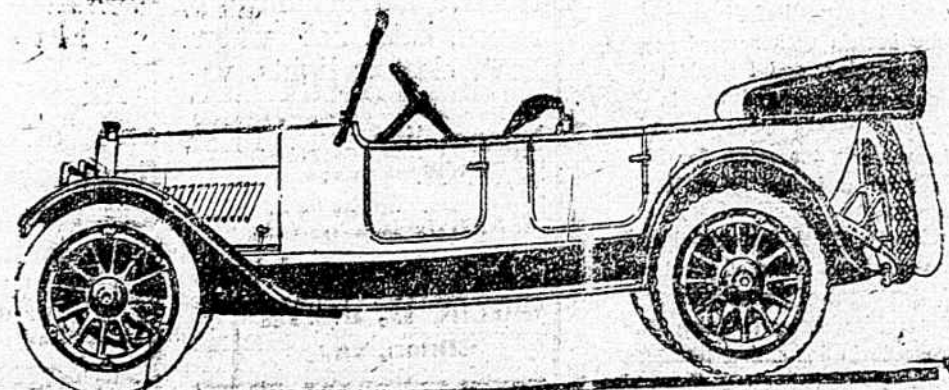
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